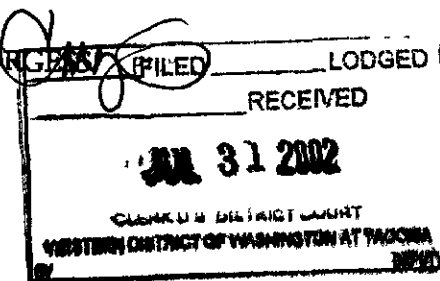


HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. BURGES
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA



KATHLEEN M. HOUSE,
Plaintiff

vs.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE, AND THE STATE OF
WASHINGTON,

Defendants

Case No. : CV98-5262FDB

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SHOW CAUSE ORDER

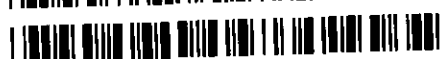
13 COMES NOW the plaintiff, Kathleen M. House, and files this response to the
14 Order to Show Cause, issued July 24th, 2002, faxed to defendants July 24th, 2002, mailed
15 to plaintiff on Thursday, July 25th, 2002 and received at plaintiff's address sometime
16 after Friday, July 26th, 2002.. The order requires that plaintiff's answer be filed in the
17 Tacoma District Court by 4:30 p.m on Monday, July 29th, 2002.

18 Plaintiff is currently in Atlanta, Georgia, as part of a job search. Plaintiff's
19 housemate has been checking her mail daily and has notified plaintiff immediately
20 when mail addressed to her has arrived. As of Thursday, July 25th, plaintiff had no mail
21 from the Tacoma District Court. Plaintiff first learned of the Order when she was able
22 to contact defendants' counsel, Stuart Johnston, on Friday morning, in response to
23 amessage he left Thursday evening at plaintiff's home. Plaintiff and Mr. Johnston

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1 discussed the contents of the Order, and Mr. Johnston very kindly faxed plaintiff a copy
2 later that day, Friday. Mr. Johnston advised plaintiff that he would be working on his
3 repsonse to the order over the weekend and would advise plaintiff of his response on
4 Monday, July 29th, 2002. Mr. Johnston and plaintiff have been in communication
5 throughout the morning of Monday, July 29, 2002. Mr. Johnston and plaintiff agreed
6 on the process described in Mr. Johnston's repsonse on Monday, July 29th, 2002. As
7 plaintiff is currently in Atlanta, Georgia, it is impossible for her to file a response by 4:30
8 on Monday, July 29th, 2002. Plaintiff called Judge Burgess's chambers on July 29th,
9 2002,, explained her situation to the clerk there, and inquired about the possibility of
10 filing her response by fax. The clerk referred her to the regular court clerks for the
11 answer to her question. The clerk Dara told plaintiff that plaintiff could not file a
12 document by fax. Plaintiff 's only option is to send this response by fax to Olympia and
13 ask that it be mailed from there.

14 Plaintiff agrees with the circumstances outlined in Mr. Johnston's response. She
15 did not take ino consideration the deadline specified by the minute order, and believes
16 she did not notice this deadline in part because she believed that defendants' attorneys
17 did not think the case suitable for mediation. Plaintiff hopes the court will recognise
18 that she did not deliberately ignore the deadline of June 12, 2002; she failed to notice this
19 was a deadline when noting the deadlines in the preceeding paragraph of the minute
20 order on her calendar.

21 Signed July 29, 2002

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1 STATEMENT OF SERVICE

2 I certify that I have served a copy of the attached
3 Response to Show Cause Order by having same mailed to
4 defendants address at
5 905 Plum Street SE, Bldg 3
6 P.O. Box 40145
7 Olympia, Washington 98504-0145
8 on July 29th, 2002
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10 *Kathleen M. House*

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